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SUMMARY:PLO OFFICER ENTERED JAPAN IN LATE MAY UNITED ARAB
EMIRATES DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT, AND HAS SINCE LOBBIED FOR OPENING
OF PALESTINIAN DIPLOMATIC OFFICE. GOJ HAS GRANTED PERMISSION
FOR PRIVATE OFFICE WITHOUT DIPLOMATIC STATUS AND MOVED TO
CLARIFY STATUS OF PLO AGENT. TOUGHER JAPANESE ATTITUDE RESULT
OF REDUCED ARAB PRESSURE ON PL QUESTION. GOJ EXPECTS HEAVY
PRESSURE HOWEVER FOR SUPPORT OF ARAB POSITION IN UNSC MANEUVERS ON
PEACEKEEPING MANDATE. END SUMMARY.

1. INFORMATION WHICH EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED DURING COURSE OF RECENT
CONTACTS WITH FONOF CONFIRMS REPORT IN REFTEL. PLO OFFICER
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NAMED MANSUUR ENTERED JAPAN IN LATE MAY WITH WIFE AND SON ON UAE

DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT IN WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS ATTACHE. SUBSEQUENTLY, HEAD OF ARAB LEAGUE OFFICE NOTIFIED FONOFF THAT MANSUUR WOULD ALSO BE WORKING ON PALESTINIAN AFFAIRS IN ARAB LEAGUE OFFICIE. MANSUUR BEGAN LOBBYING IN PRESS AND ON DIPLOMATIC CIRCUIT FOR SEPARATE PLO OFFICE WITH FULL DIPLOMATIC STATUS. JAPANESE POSITION DEVELOPED AS WE UNDERSTAND IT BEFORE MANSUUR ARRIVED, BUT SURFACED IN RESPONSE TO PRESSURE FROM HIM., IS THAT PLO WELCOMETO OPEN PRIVATE OFFICE INTOKYO BUT THAT DIPLOMATIC STATUS AND PRIVILIGES WOULD NOT BE ACCORDED IT OR ITS STAFF. AT SAME TIME, FONOFF TURNED ASIDE REQUESTS BY MANSUUR FOR APPOINTMENTS WITH HIGH LEVEL OFFICIAL, INCLUDING FONMIN MAYAZAWA. EXTENT OF SPEICAL ATTENTION PAID HIM BY FONOFF HAS BEEN LUNCH ON NEUTRAL AND UNFOFFICIAL GROUND (I.E. HOTEL RESTARAUNT) WITH FIRST MIDDLE EASTERN DIV DIR WATANABE.

2. FONOFF MOVING TO CLARIFY MANSUUR STATUS. MIDDLE EASTERN AND AFRICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR GENERAL NAKAMURA CALLED UAE AMBASSADOR IN JULY 17 TO SISCUSS MANSUUR STATUS. ACCORDING BUREAU DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL MURATA, NAKAMURA WAS PRIMED TO SAY THAT MANSUUR COULD STAY IN TOKYO AS DIPLOMAT IF HE GENUINELY ASSUMED DUTIES ON UAE STAFF. IF HOWEVER, HE WISHED TO OPERATE AS PLO REPRESENTATIVE HE WOULD HAVE TO GIVE UP DIPLOMATIC STATUS.

3. COMMENT. TOKYO'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS PLO HAS STIFFENED MARKEDLY SINCE TURN OF YEAR. ASKED TO COMMENT ON REASONS, FONOFF OFFICIALS CITE ARAB DISUNITY, FACTIONALISM WITHIN YO, AND ARAB NEED TO SELL OIL IN CURRENT SLACK MARKET AS ELEMENTS WHICH HAVE REDUCED PRESSURE ON JAPAN TO GRANT OFFICAL RECOGNITION TO PALESTIANS. GRATING PERSONALITY AND HEAVY HANDED APPROACH OF MANSUUR (ARABS THEMSELVES DISLIKE HIM--MANSUUR AND ARAB LEAGUE HEAD NASIR NOT ON SPEAKING TERMS) HAVE NOT HELPED PALESTINIAN CAUSE. DURING RECENT CONVERSTATION AT DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION MANSUUR OFFENDED MIDEAST AFF DIRGEN NAKAMURA WHEN HE BACKED DEMAND FOR PERMISSION TO OPEN DIPLOMATIC OFFICE WITH THREAT THAT "JAPAN WILL NEED ARAB OIL." JAPANESE DON'T LIKE TO BE REMINDED OF DEPENDENCE AND REGARD THEIR CAPITULATION TO ARAB PRESSUREIN NOVEMBER 1973 AND HUMILIATION EXTRACTED UNDER DURESS.

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4. THOUGH PLO ISSUE APPEARS TO BE ON BACK BURNER, FONOFF EXPECTS STRONG PRESSURE FOR SUPPORT OF ARAB POSITION IN UNSC MANEUVERS OVER EXTENSION OF MANDATE FOR PEACEKEEPING FORCE. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RUNDOWN ON US VIEWS ISSUE IN GENERAL AND FAHMI STATEMENT IN PARTICULAR THAT CAN BE PASSED TO JAPANESE. HODGSON

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